

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed July 9, 2007.

Claim 16 is amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8-21 are now pending in this application.

Applicant further attaches hereto in an Appendix, a copy of the Office Action in Serial No. 10/630,544 having the same examiner as the present application for her consideration. Application Serial No. 10/630,544 is part of the same family of applications as the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-21 were allowed. The Examiner is again thanked for his careful review of the present application and for his indication of allowable subject matter.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate description or enablement. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 16, in order to provide additional clarity, claim 16 is amended as suggested by the examiner in the advisory action to move the application to allowance. Allowance of claim 16 is requested.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

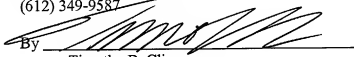
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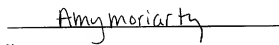
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